

## ABSTRACT

An automated banking machine is provided that selectively controls the booting of the machine for different storage device drives. The machine may include at least one computer. The automated banking machine may also include at least one transaction function device, such as a cash dispenser, in operative connection with the computer. The computer of the machine may include a BIOS setup program with a BIOS program password and at least one BIOS boot password. When no alternative bootable media is detected, the computer is operative to automatically boot from a specified default bootable media. If an alternative bootable media is detected, the computer is operative to prompt a user to input the BIOS boot password. If the inputted password is valid, the computer is operative to boot from the alternative media. If no password is inputted, the computer is operative to automatically boot from the default bootable media.